GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1173
ANSWERED ON:26.11.2002
INFILTRATION OF BANGLADESHIS FROM ASSAM BORDER
BIR SING MAHATO;DUKHA BHAGAT

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 271 on 16th July, 2002 and state:

(a) whether the information has since been collected;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons for delay in this regard; and

(d) the time by which the information is likely to be collected?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D.SWAMI)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The Implementation Report in respect of assurance given to theLok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 271 dated 16th July 2002 has been submitted to the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs on 5.11.2002. A copy of the Implementation report is annexed.

(c) & (d): In view of above, do not arise.

ANNEXURE

10th Session, 2002 of 13th Lok Sabha

Ministry of Home Affairs Date of Fulfilment

Q.No. Date & Name of M.P.(s)
Subject
Promise made
How Fulfilled
Reasons for Delay

Unstarred Question No. 271 dated 16.7.2002 by Shri Ram Tahal Chaudhary:
Sh.Shivaji Mane:
Smt. Kanti Singh

INFILTRATION OF BANGLADESHIS FROM ASSAM BORDER

Asking:

(a) whether infiltration from Bgangladesh is still going on through Assam borders;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto alongwith the difficulties being faced by the Government in checking such infiltration;

(c) whether the said infiltration is being executed by ISI;

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(e) whether the Government have received any report from the State Government of Assam in this regard;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the steps taken by the Government to check infiltration?

(a) to (g): The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

A Statement is annexed.

The information had to be collected from the concerned State Governments. Hence delay

STATEMENT REFERRED TO PARTS (a) TO (g) IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 271 DATED 16.7. RAISED BY SHRI RAM TAHAL CHAUDHARY, SHRI SHIVAJI MANE AND SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH REGARDING INFILT OF BANGLADESHIS FROM ASSAM BORDER.

The Government of Assam has reported that illegal infiltration from erstwhile East Pakistan to Assam was going on for many years even prior to the Independence. Due to various preventive measures taken by the Government the flow of illegal migrants from Bangladesh to Assam has come down. Identification of illegal migrants staying in the State are difficult because they (illegal migrants) enter surreptitiously and are able to mingle easily with the local population due to ethenic and lingustic similarities. Some covert activities sponsored by the Pak ISI are also reported from different parts of the State from time to time.

To neutralize activities of ISI agents, Government have adopted a well coordinated and multi-pronged approach which includes strengthening the border management, gearing up of intelligence machinery, well coordinated intelligence based action against ISI agents and militants sponsored by them, setting up of outposts of security forces and modernization and up-gradation of police and security forces with advanced sophisticated weapons and communication system etc. Steps taken in this regard have resulted in detection/neutralization of various ISI backed modules.

Besides, a series of measures have also been taken by the Government to curb the problem of infiltration of Bangladeshi nationals into India. These include raising of additional Battalions of Border Security Force, reduction of gaps between the border outposts, intensification of patrolling both on the land and the riverine border, accelerated programme of construction of border roads and fencing, increase in the number of outpost towers, provision of surveillance equipments etc. The matter has also been taken up with the Government of Bangladesh on various occasions. The progress of these measures is reviewed regularly at various levels.